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In re Application of:)
Hiroshi ISONO et al.) Group Art Unit: 3613
Application No.: 10/025,777) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: December 26, 2001)
For: HYDRAULIC BRAKING SYSTEM)
AND METHOD WITH FLOW)
CONTROL DEVICE)

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the best of undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office on the merits of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

1. German Patent Publication No. DE 197 16 404 discloses a device 40 which connects and disconnects a passage between a reservoir 5 and a master cylinder 6, and the device actuates to connect the passage only when the brake pedal is operated, as shown in Fig. 5.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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